

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on February 14, 2007 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Diane Rice (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: 434, 2/2/2007
Executive Action: HB 330, HB 427

HEARING ON HB 434

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:42 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 434, Revise electric energy utility restructuring.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:42 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh33a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh33a02\)](#)

00:14:12 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources Defense Council and Renewable Northwest Project

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:19 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

00:18:57 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Counsel

00:23:19 Cheryl Patton, Assistant City Manager, City of Great Falls and Executive Director, Great Falls Housing Authority

00:28:32 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, PSC

00:37:16 Brett Doney, President, Great Falls Development Authority

00:40:40 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Informational Testimony:

00:47:29 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:31 Rep. Wiseman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 330

00:50:19 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 330 **DO PASS.**

00:51:18 **Motion:** Rep. Groesbeck moved that HB 330 **BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(feh33a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:51:35 Todd Everts, Legislative Research Analyst
00:53:32 Rep. Olson
00:53:46 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:57:03 Rep. Driscoll

00:57:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:57:50 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 330 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:58:27 Rep. Boggio
00:58:36 Mr. Fitzpatrick
01:00:10 Rep. Boggio
01:00:29 Mr. Fitzpatrick
01:01:28 Rep. Driscoll
01:01:48 Mr. Fitzpatrick
01:03:23 Rep. Groesbeck
01:03:53 Rep. Stahl

01:04:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-3 by voice vote with Rep. Boggio, Rep. Driscoll, and Rep. Himmelberger voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 427

01:05:47 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 427 **DO PASS.**

01:06:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Klock moved that HB 427 **BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(feh33a04)

01:07:22 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 427 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:07:34 Rep. Groesbeck
01:08:28 Rep. Windy Boy

01:09:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

01:09:27 Adjournment

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

AO/cp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([feh33aad.pdf](#))